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PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

From left, Sara and Alexander, ages 4 and 6, have been putting their art on the front door as part of the #frommywindow project. The neighbors have said they enjoy the spots of color as they walk by, especially on gray days.

## A Census 2020 Undercount Will Cost Greenbelt Money

by Callie Tansill-Suddath

Despite widespread uncertainty resulting from COVID-19, the 2020 Census continues. Conducted once every 10 years, the U.S. Census requires households to submit counts of and data about occupants at each address throughout the country. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Prince George's County had a 2.3 percent undercount rate when the last census was conducted in 2010; Greenbelt is considered one of the areas that is more difficult

to count.

The coronavirus outbreak adds an extra layer of complexity to an already fraught ordeal. But that doesn't make the census any less of a priority.

Jordan Baucum Colbert, an organizer with the 2020 Census, wants to assure residents that they can participate in the census without jeopardizing their health. Most households received an

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PHOTO BY JUDY MCCORD

Former News Review carrier John Henry Jones poses in his yard with his camellia tree.

## Community Foundation Urges Greenbelters to Offer Help

by Carol Shaw

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

The Greenbelt Community Foundation is dedicated to "Nourishing All of Greenbelt's Neighborhoods." To this end, it is working to provide information to Greenbelt residents on organizations that provide financial or other assistance directly to individuals and families in need of the basic necessities such as paying bills, getting food, housing and clothing.

The Foundation is encouraging people who can financially weather this COVID-19 crisis to donate their federal stimulus checks to an organization that provides financial assistance to individuals and families.

Needhelppayingbill.com (choose Maryland, then choose Prince George's County) is one of the best places to find information on the many charities, churches and government assistance programs that provide financial help. There are specific programs in Prince George's County for grants or loans to help pay rent or heating/utility bills. The State of Maryland provides information on many social services in a specific zip code on its website 211md.org, or people can call 211 with specific services requests.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program lists area organizations that may offer assistance for a variety of needs including rental, utility, furniture, clothing and household items.

Assistance is provided based on the eligibility of applicants and organizations are limited in the amounts they may provide. Two organizations listed that specifically offer financial assistance are the Salvation Army Prince George's County and United Communities Against Poverty.

The Salvation Army provides resources to help people satisfy the basic needs of life, housing and shelter to qualified candidates. Some of what can be provided by the social services and emergency assistance programs include clothing, food and financial assistance to pay rent or utilities and other critical necessities. It also provides several shelters and short-term housing. Contact

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## ERHS Grad Abiona on Team Seeking Vaccine for COVID-19

by Brogan Gerhart

For the last three years, Olubukola Abiona, has been working as a post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellow at the National Institutes of Health Vaccine Research Center to develop vaccines for viruses like SARS, MERS and, most recently, COVID-19.

Abiona, 24, said that she and her team, led by Dr. Barney Graham, are very fortunate that their current work with the coronavirus vaccine is not something new to the facility.

"The coronavirus research was spearheaded five or six years before the COVID-19 outbreak," Abiona said. "[During that time] we've been looking at different strains of the coronavirus: those

that cause colds or even more severe strains such as those that cause SARS and MERS."

### A Passion for Research

Abiona graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 2013 with an interest in research that she credited to the school's Science and Technology program. "We were learning a lot of information from a textbook," Abiona said. "But I wanted to learn more about how we got the information that was in our science textbook."

After a research internship at the University of Maryland, College Park, Abiona developed a passion for medicine as well. A degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the Uni-



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Olubukola Abiona

versity of Maryland, Baltimore County's Meyerhoff Scholars

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### What Goes On

Thursday, April 16

8 p.m. Council Budget Work-session: Overview, General Fund, General Government, Miscellaneous and Other Funds

Monday, April 20

8:30 p.m. Budget Worksession: Museum/Social Services (CARES)

Wednesday, April 22

8 p.m. Budget Worksession: Public Works/Capital Projects Fund

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

## Beauchamp Match Deadline For Donations Is Extended

by Brogan Gerhart

The Greenbelt News Review has extended the time it will match all donations, up to a total of \$5,000, made to the University of Maryland's Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship, with no deadline.

This scholarship is named in honor of University of Maryland Professor Virginia Beauchamp, who founded the university's Department of Women's Studies in 1975. She was also a leading member of the Greenbelt News Review for more than 60 years and an advocate for the Greenbelt community.

Mary Lou Williamson, a long-time staff member of the News Review and friend of Beauchamp, said that there were no objections to this extension, as the News Review's board recognized the poor timing of the donation effort during a public health crisis in which many are worried about money.

As of April 10, the donation total was \$3,065, according to Norah Quinn McCormick, assistant director of development for the university's College of Arts and Humanities.

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# Letters to the Editor

## A Welcome Refuge In a Viral Storm

Greenbelt has always been a comforting place, but rarely more so than now. For as we mourn for our countrymen and watch on television as unfathomable numbers of people sicken and die, our little town feels like a bit of heaven. There is solace everywhere you look. Take those strolling around Greenbelt Lake. What they see is more than enough to soothe the most troubled of souls. The Redbud trees with their bright purple blossoms; the fresh green leaves that grow bigger and bolder with each passing day; and the osprey circling our ever-fuller lake for its lunch – they all take our minds off the crisis and offer reassurance that all is not lost. For while we humans are beset by a plague, Spring is not holding back: Mother Nature pays that virus no heed.

And along with the natural beauty, there are the fellow walkers whose masked faces may seem anonymous, but whose eyes smile forth their confidence that triumph is not far away. Indeed, the lake is a metaphor of sorts. For as it slowly, almost imperceptibly fills with water, straining against the beavers’ handiwork and those black plastic barriers, it reflects Greenbelters’ growing confidence and grit that our town will emerge from this unprecedented challenge. And it’s not just the lake. Walk into the Co-op Supermarket. Yes, we’re increasingly masked and gloved, but we are not among strangers. For despite the inherent danger of the virus lurking everywhere, the Co-op staff makes you feel like family. Their devotion demands our respect and reduces our anxiety.

No one lingers much anywhere these days – and our favorite haunts like the Library are closed – but the familiarity of Roosevelt Center somehow reassures. Maybe it’s the Mother and Child statue telling us all will be just fine! We’re socializing online instead of in churches or on ballfields, but the Greenbelt spirit is

never that far way. When Labor Day rolls around, all Greenbelters will be hoping COVID has been beaten back, just one more craven virus exposed and disposed of, and that we’ll be celebrating our signature Festival and Parade. There for all to see, as has happened for the past 66 years, will be cheerleaders, marching groups, fire trucks, even dancing dogs, indeed the very fabric of a town too good, too beautiful and too neighborly to be intimidated by the current foe – or any other.

David Zahren

## Pickup and Delivery

The Co-op needs to start doing pickup and/or delivery. If one cashier or other staff gets COVID-19, the Co-op will be out of business. The aisles are too narrow and you just can’t protect the staff and shoppers. Starting pickup would be hard to do – there are a lot of problems to solve. But if it can be managed, it would be a lifesaver for Greenbelt. It would make the Co-op look wonderful and people would remember that for a long time. If they don’t do something drastic, the Co-op may not survive.

I have already sent my suggestions to the Co-op and suggest others do the same.

Rachel Channon

## Co-op Safety

I want to seriously propose that the Co-op restrict entry of people not wearing masks during the 7 to 9 a.m. period. And I mean without removing the present restriction.

It’s wonderful that the Co-op has gone beyond other area groceries in providing two hours of special access every day to those of us who are in extra danger if we develop COVID-19. If someone cannot or should not wear a mask due to respiratory deficits, I hope they can do their shopping at some time in those 14 hours. There’s much greater hope that if they are doing so in accordance with CDC guidelines, they also will maintain social distancing. Meanwhile, during the rest of the

day, no customer can put others at risk because wearing a mask strikes them (or Srs. Trump and Bolsonaro) as silly or inconvenient.

I salute the Co-op for preparing to make the aisles one-way. It remains true that, trying to fit a lot of selections in a limited space, it is not easy to maintain safe clearances when the store is crowded. The least we can do is enforce sane measures.

One thing I love about Greenbelt is that people are generally considerate and thoughtful, more widely so than in many other places I’ve lived. However, with the pandemic, the rare inconsiderate person can be not merely annoying but dangerous. Or rather, deadly.

David Shapiro

## Thanks All Round

I just wanted to thank the staff and volunteers of the Greenbelt News Review for keeping the paper published in the midst of this horrific pandemic that has many of us on lockdown. You all are doing a wonderful job of keeping our spirits up.

I also want to remind Greenbelt residents to thank our grocery store staffs, delivery personnel, postal workers when you see them or when you enter and leave stores. They too are doing us a great service by coming to work and making sure that food and produce are available and stocked on the shelves. Let’s salute them also. They are much appreciated.

Thank you all for your service and support.

Lois Rosado

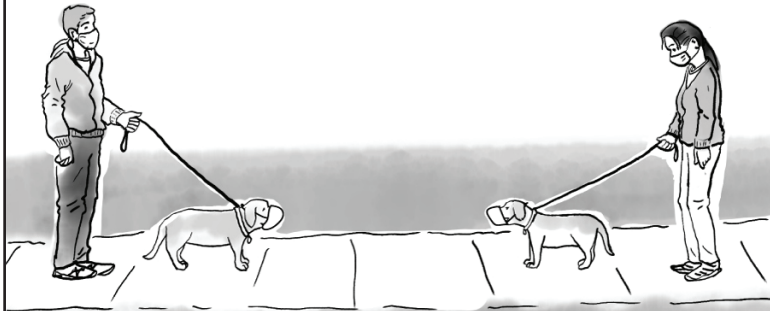
## People Helping

I was reading one of the articles about what the City of Greenbelt is doing, how we are responding to the pandemic and what protocols are set up. It is also great to know that we have people that are helping out during this time.

Lee Smith



## Service or Garden Side?



You can smell Rufus from here.

- B. Glee

## Mail Alert

Due to the closure of the Community Center it appears that some mail sent to us is being returned to the sender. Mail can be placed through the mail slot in our outside door. If that is not feasible, please email us at [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

## Correction

In our last issue we misstated the date of the budget presentation. It was presented on Tuesday, April 14 with budget workshops beginning on April 16. The News Review regrets the error.

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## Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

### SOCIAL DISTANCING / NEW BUSINESS HOURS

#### until further notice

Due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and our state Governor's recommendations, our business hours have been modified.

The branch will be **closed to members on Tuesdays and Thursdays**; you may call to schedule an appointment for loan closings or new account openings. The branch will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays normal business hours, and on Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Please remember Social Distancing to keep yourself and our staff safe.

We encourage our members to utilize our electronic services as much as possible. This includes **online banking w/bill pay, visiting our atm to make deposits and withdrawals, and using our mobile app to check your balance**. If you need assistance signing up or using these services please contact us and our staff will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your membership



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# Community Events

## Library Expands Virtual Programs

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) has expanded opportunities for the community to engage with the Library from home through virtual programs. The Library has offered free virtual programs throughout the COVID-19 emergency, with up to 60 programs on offer every week. Regular weekly programs for children are available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. Adult and teen programs include the weekly Community Conversation series with PGCMLS CEO Roberta Phillips and a wide range of author and book discussion events. All of the Library’s virtual programs are listed at [pgcmls.info/virtual-events](http://pgcmls.info/virtual-events). Virtual events produced by the Library are broadcast on Crowdcast, with select additional streams to Facebook, YouTube and Periscope.

The Library’s virtual programs frequently feature special guests from partner organizations like Joe’s Movement Emporium; the Prince George’s County Police Department, Human Relations Commission and Office of Community Relations; Laurel Police Department; and City of Bowie.

Spanish language virtual programs are now available on a weekly basis. They include *Biblioníños*, a biweekly Spanish read-aloud program for children ages 2 to 5, and a bilingual English/Spanish read-aloud on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Beginning on Tuesday, April 21, at 4 p.m., the Library will offer a weekly “Café a las cuatro” series of discussions in Spanish with special guests from local government to discuss resources and current issues, ranging from the Census to small business resources, in Prince George’s County and the DMV area. The program is hosted by Vilma Sandoval-Sall, English Language Learner program coordinator, PGCMLS.

## Reel and Meal Zooms About Earth Day

On Monday, April 20, Reel and Meal in partnership with the Greenbelt Climate Action Network presents an Earth Day Special: A Focus on the Global Climate Crisis. Lore Rosenthal has curated an evening of short films and guest speakers to be presented via Zoom. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude by 9:30 p.m., with a discussion facilitated by Rosenthal following each of the films.

In keeping with social distancing and the stay at home protocol, DC Vegan of the New Deal Café will prepare a special contactless Reel and Meal Picnic. See the ad on page 8 for the Reel and Meal Picnic details.

Film clips will include: Greta Thunberg, The Sunrise Movement, Project Drawdown and Young Voices for the Planet. Several guest speakers have been invited, such as a representative from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Sunrise Hub, Mckayla Wilkes for Congress campaign, Joseph Jakuta to talk about the School Board Climate Action Plan and Tom Dernoga to talk about the County Climate Action Plan.

The event will be via Zoom and RSVPs are required. A Zoom Invite will be sent to the first 100 people who RSVP to: [reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com](mailto:reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com).

For more about this program contact Rosenthal at [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org), or visit the New Deal Café’s e-calendar at [newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal/](http://newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal/) and on Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/newdealcafe/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/newdealcafe/) or [facebook.com/reelandmealNDC/](https://www.facebook.com/reelandmealNDC/).

## Earth Day is April 22

The Greenbelt News Review reminds readers that the 50th celebration of Earth Day is on Wednesday, April 22. Several organizations are celebrating the event despite nature’s best efforts to keep humanity on its toes.

## Old Greenbelt Theatre Has Flick of the Week

The Old Greenbelt Theatre hosts film discussions via Zoom every Sunday at 2 p.m. This week, the “Flick of the Week” is *Goodfellas*, directed by Martin Scorsese (1990, 146 minutes, rated R). For those wishing to view the film ahead of the discussion, it is available for streaming on Netflix (subscription required) or can be rented for a small fee on YouTube or Google Play. The film discussion will take place on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

Go to [greenbelttheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/](http://greenbelttheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/) to register for the film discussion and receive information on how to access the Zoom call. Anyone without internet access or who does not wish to use a computer for the discussion, may participate via phone. Call Kelly at 301-329-2034 to request access information.

**About the Film**

*Goodfellas*: In this seminal work by Martin Scorsese, a young man grows up in the mob and works very hard to advance himself through the ranks. He enjoys his life of money and luxury, but is oblivious to the horror that he causes. *Goodfellas* received six Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture.

## School Meals Pickup Now Twice a Week

Selected schools have been distributing free breakfasts, lunches and snacks daily from multiple locations in the county. Springhill Lake Elementary is the local pickup point for students who attend any school. Meal pickup will occur twice a week. Going forward, students get meals for two days on Mondays and for three days on Wednesdays.

Parents may pick up meals for students who are unable to come to the site by showing a student ID or report card. Meals are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students nor are students required to show ID.



## How Are You Coping?

Send us your stories and photos, showing what you are doing during forced time at home. We will publish a selection of these submissions during the coming weeks. Email [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

## Missing Since 4/2/20



"Pythagorus" was last seen in the vicinity of 11 Court Ridge Rd. If you have any information, please call 301-220-1713

## GCAN Earth Day

Greenbelt Climate Action Network members will be participating in three days of online Earth Day activities, from Wednesday, April 22 to Friday, April 24.

Through “Earth Day Live” there will be 72 hours of programming, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. These presentations will include both national live stream and local presentations, such as the Howard County Sunrise Hub (run by a 15-year-old high school sophomore).

For more info visit [facebook.com/chearsorg](https://facebook.com/chearsorg) and check back in before April 22. For additional questions, contact Lore Rosenthal, [SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com](mailto:SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com), 301-345-2234.

## Crowdcast Saturdays

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System, in partnership with the Old Greenbelt Theatre, will offer Storytelling with ASL (American Sign language) hosted by Erikson Young starting on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. on Crowdcast. This new weekly virtual storytelling program, recommended for ages 2 to 5, will continue for the duration of the public health emergency.

Young will present beloved children’s stories from the Library’s vast ebook collection. These programs, presented in ASL only, are free and open to the public. Each program will feature two ebooks. Go to [pgcmls.info/virtual-events](http://pgcmls.info/virtual-events) to find the link on Saturday mornings for an ASL reading adventure.

## Toastmasters Meets Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters provides a fun and friendly environment, usually in person but currently online. Find details for joining in remotely at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

## David Craig Scholarship Deadline Is April 30

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund application deadline is Thursday, April 30. This local scholarship is available to all Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) seniors. One recipient is selected each year.

The current scholarship, for \$10,000, is paid over a four-year period. The current recipients are attending Towson University, Saint Mary’s College of Maryland and the University of Maryland.

This year’s recipient will be presented the first payment of \$2,500 in person after the selection committee (the fund’s board of directors) chooses a candidate from the pool of applicants from the class of 2020. The process is different this year because of the current health crisis situation and school closings. A award date in mid-May will be scheduled.

The Craig Scholarship began in 1986 as a tribute and memorial to David Craig, a 1979 ERHS graduate whose tragic death in 1984 sparked a desire by his family and friends for a lasting memorial and a rewarding response by helping others with education expenses.

The Scholarship Fund is totally fueled by private donations and gifts and is a nonprofit organization recognized by the State of Maryland. “Well-rounded, well rewarded” is the fund’s motto.

To apply or to learn more about the fund, visit [davidcraigmsf@blogspot.com](mailto:davidcraigmsf@blogspot.com). Download an application and submit it by mail to P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768 on or before the deadline.

The information line for the fund is telephone number 301-474-7874. Douglas Mangum, the president of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Foundation, was a classmate of Craig, and is a Greenbelt resident and alumnus of ERHS.

## Restaurant Updates

An updated list of local restaurants which are open for take-out/delivery can be found at [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).

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official invitation in March to respond to the Census, with an ID for completing the Census online. Residents can also respond via U.S. mail or by phone (see [2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html](http://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html)). Once the requested information is submitted, the obligation is finished and no follow-up is required.

Households that do not respond will receive a visit from a census taker sometime in June or later. These visits – and the deadline for completing the Census – have been delayed due to the coronavirus (see [2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/statement-covid-19-2020.html](http://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/statement-covid-19-2020.html)).

Completion of the census, Colbert explains, is actually closely connected to the unfolding public health situation. Prince George’s County undercount rate in 2010 translated into a loss of an “... estimated \$363 million in federal funds.” As a result, the county is “strengthening its message on the importance of completing the Census as it relates to the access to healthcare, vaccinations and emergency resources in the midst of the current crisis.”

In an effort to boost participation, Colbert says the county has taken steps to extend its reach to the community. This, she assures the community, will not stop in light of COVID-19. She says the county is looking to local faith-based leaders, educators and nonprofit groups to help facilitate outreach that complies with social distancing regulations like “food distribution efforts, social media, email distribution lists and virtual phone banking efforts.”

What the next few months will look like remains unclear, but one thing remains certain: the 2020 Census is still taking place, and Prince George’s County is committed to making sure every household is counted.

*Callie Tansill-Suddath is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.*



GATe Program Schedule Friday Apr 17 - Thursday Apr 23		
SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
7 am	From the GATe Archive	• Selected Programs
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	Utopia Film Festival ★ <small>Shorts/Docs From Past Festivals</small>	• Twisp: The Power of Community • Victory Swim
11 am	From the GATe Archive	• Selected Programs
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News
1 pm	Strata	• Cultural Heritage & Archeology
2 pm	From the GATe Archive	• Selected Programs
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# Obituaries

## Wona Bryan



Wona Charlotte Bryan

Wona Charlotte Bryan died at the age of 88 on April 6, 2020, at Casey House, Rockville, from congestive heart failure. She was born in Waynesburg, Pa., to Arthur and Muriel Sagges. She attended Cumberland Township High School, Carmichaels, Pa., and was a member of the National Honor Society. She worked after high school at the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C.

On September 29, 1951, in West Lanham Hills, she married Wesley Adelbert Bryan, who grew up in Greenbelt and went to school with members of the McCarl dental family. The Bryans lived in Greenbelt in the 1950s. Mrs. Bryan helped run Bryan Moving & Storage, in Beltsville, for over 40 years, including the yearly auctions, which older Greenbelters may remember.

Mrs. Bryan was a fighter, having survived many adversities in life including a horrific automobile accident in 1996. She and Wes, who died in June 1999, lived in their Silver Spring home for 55 years and before that in Berwyn Heights as well as Greenbelt.

Mrs. Bryan is survived by her three children: Vicky Lynn Rogerson (William) of Delray Beach, Fla.; Karen Jean Bryan of Chicago, Ill.; and Allan A. Bryan (Carol) of Greencastle, Pa.; by her four grandchildren: Jason Aubrey (Christina) of Chicago, Christine Aubrey of Chicago, Joshua Aubrey of Joplin, Mo., and Christopher Bryan of Greencastle, Pa.; her sister Mona Ellis of New Carrollton; many nieces and nephews and close friend for over 50 years, William Ray Harrell of Beltsville. She is predeceased by her husband, parents, sisters Arlene Brown and Vida Skipper and brothers Reicks Sagges and Harold Sagges.

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## Emory Harman Jr.



Emory A. Harman Jr. in 1971

Emory A. Harman Jr., died at White Oak Medical Center in Silver Spring early in the morning on Saturday, April 4, 2020. He was born on May 9, 1950, as the second child of Emory Harman Sr. (Greenbelt's 2004 Outstanding Citizen) and his wife Margaret Harman.

He grew up in Greenbelt and eventually attended the University of Maryland. He is survived by his brother Clay Harman Sr. and his sister-in-law Maria Lucy Harman, who still reside in Greenbelt, and his nephew Clay Harman Jr. who works for the city.

A celebration of Emory's life will be announced at a later time.



Sympathy goes out to the Harman family and their friends on the loss of Emory Harman, Jr., who grew up in Greenbelt and had close family ties here.

Condolences to friends and family of Sean Clerkin, who died unexpectedly this weekend. He was 54.

Longtime Greenbelters will be sad to hear of the death of Wona Bryan, who with her husband Wes, was a resident of the 48 Court of Ridge Road back in the 1950s.

COVID-19 has come to Greenbelt and we learned on Saturday, April 10 from Mayor Colin Byrd that at the time, some 46 of our neighbors were already suffering from the virus and the number by the time of writing (Tuesday, April 14) was 52 cases. Daily updates by zip code are available at the Coronavirus.Maryland.gov website. Stay safe.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



## Speedier Impact Payments For Those Not Filing Taxes

The Social Security Administration has issued a press release that describes a new U.S. Treasury Department web tool to allow quick registration for Economic Impact Payments for those eligible individuals who do not normally file a tax return. This includes people who receive Social Security retirement, survivors or disability insurance (SSDI) benefits. Register soon through the IRS portal ([irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here](http://irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here)) as Treasury is beginning to make automatic \$1,200 payments to registrants. Those who don't register will have to wait longer to receive their payments.

For those who have dependent children under the age of 17, registering through the above portal will also ensure they get the \$500 payment per dependent. For more information see [irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments](http://irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments).

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Program solidified her career interests in more translatable applications of basic science research.

Now, Abiona said, she is grateful to be in a lab where she wears multiple hats and is able to help in many different areas of vaccinology. Although each day brings new assignments, Abiona said that her main responsibilities include vaccine development and protein production.

"When your body produces antibodies, we want to see how potent they are," Abiona explained, "So, we set up a mimic vaccine and see if the antibodies can stop a fake, or pseudo-, virus from entering cells in a dish in the lab." Because vaccine development involves working with mimic systems, Abiona said that neither live viruses, nor a virus that is harmful, are ever used in these experiments.

Abiona's second main responsibility, protein production, involves screening samples from animals. "If we are testing an

animal, when we immunize them we don't know if there's going to be a response or not. That's the experiment," she explained. "By making this protein, we're able to tell whether or not they have a response."

While these are just two of Abiona's hats, she said that her day-to-day work life also means pivoting to where she is needed. Whether it's to aid in the organization or facilitation of an experiment, Abiona said, "I step in and help wherever I can."

*This story is part one in a two-part series about Olubukola Abiona's work with the Vaccine Research Center to develop a coronavirus vaccine. To learn more about Abiona's research and what drives her through this public health crisis, pick up next week's paper for part two.*

Brogan Gerhart is a University of Maryland student in journalism working as an intern for the News Review.



Parents line up in their cars in front of Greenbelt Elementary School on April 3 to pick up Chromebooks and other technology for their children to take classes online.

The Bible Says...

I (Jesus) came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

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the Salvation Army at 4825 Edmonston Road, Hyattsville, 301-277-6103 or [salvationarmynca.org/princegeorges/](http://salvationarmynca.org/princegeorges/).

United Communities Against Poverty is the Community Action Agency for Prince George’s County. United Communities Against Poverty, Inc., offers various services and they have created numerous programs to assist low- and moderate-income families with their bills. Some of what they offer includes: emergency food and shelter, mortgage/rental/utility assistance, a free food pantry and resources that will stop an eviction or help homeless people find housing. People who apply and are qualified may be able to receive financial support for rent, funds to prevent eviction, grants for utility bills and help for paying a security deposit and first month’s rent. They can be contacted at 1400 Doewood Lane, Capitol Heights, 301-322-5700 or [ucappgc.org](http://ucappgc.org).

GAIL provides a complete online Resource Guide with many other services available in Greenbelt on the city’s website, [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov).

Residents that need help with utility bills have options too. They can contact the Department of Social Services to apply for assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). They are located at 425 Brightseat Road, Landover, and the phone number is 301-909-6300.

The Community Ministry of Prince George’s County offers financial assistance for utility bills, free food, information and education programs to county residents. For example, they can refer people to Maryland pro bono mortgage programs. Contact [cmpgc.com](http://cmpgc.com) or call 301-499-2319 for more information.

St. Hugh of Grenoble’s Ladies of Charity stock the food pantry

City Notes

Animal Control released a recuperated groundhog and took a dog bite report. With some animals placed, and new kittens arriving, the shelter has four residents: three kittens and a cat.

Youth Programs staff planned the Stay-at-Home Egg Hunt and more distanced recreation programs via the Virtual Recreation Center (VRC).

Moms Morning Out staff programmed activities for preschoolers via the VRC and the preschool director greeted students via one-on-one video chats while dance programming continues via Zoom. Coming soon: Camp-at-Home Day, a new special event on April 24.

Treat-filled eggs added city fun to Springhill Lake Elementary’s free lunch program.

Aquatic & Fitness Center staff members set up a Google classroom for staff training.

Arts programming online includes an acrylic painting class and a pre-school art class, while Therapeutic Recreation’s Virtual Greenbelt Eggstravaganza entertained the kids.

Food & Friendship frozen meals went out to 18 seniors. Fourteen more Greenbelt residents requested and received meals, delivered by city staff, while at CARES, the GAIL program started online/call-in support groups for caregivers for isolation issues.

in Grenoble Hall and prepare food parcels for Greenbelters to pick up at the rectory at 135 Crescent Road. Citizens can purchase bags of food for the pantry at the Co-op Supermarket.

A national organization, Modest Needs, can make small emergency grants to low-income workers who are at risk of slipping into poverty and for whom no other source of immediate help is available. For more information go to [modestneeds.org](http://modestneeds.org).

For links to these organizations and other information, go to [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org).

At the beginning of March, nearly \$15,000 of the \$25,000 endowment goal had been raised.

Currently, with the News Review’s matched donations, a total of approximately \$21,130 has been raised. That amount is approximate due to a possible lag in processing donations, according to Quinn McCormick.

“Campus mail continues to be incredibly slow,” Quinn McCormick said. “So, I am hopeful there are still gifts out there that have yet to be processed.”

The Beauchamp Scholarship

has provided annual need-based awards of \$750 since its conception in 2016 for graduate students in the Department of Women’s Studies. Once endowed, the scholarship has the potential to grow to \$1,000 a year and will live in perpetuity to support generations of students, according to Quinn McCormick. The fund must reach \$25,000 by June 30, 2021, in order to become an endowed scholarship.

The News Review thanks those who have donated and encourages other members of the

community to honor their fellow Greenbelter with any gift they can offer. The paper will keep readers updated on the scholarship’s growth.

For more information on Virginia Beauchamp’s life and the impact of her scholarship for students in the Department of Women’s Studies, refer to the March 2020 issues of the News Review. To donate, go to [giving.umd.edu/giving/fund.php?name=virginia-w-beauchamp-scholarship](http://giving.umd.edu/giving/fund.php?name=virginia-w-beauchamp-scholarship) or contact Quinn McCormick at 301-405-6485 or [naquinn@umd.edu](mailto:naquinn@umd.edu).



# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

### UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

**Monday, April 20, 8:30pm,** Budget Work Session – Museum/Social Services (CARES), Virtual

**Tuesday, April 21, 7:00pm,** Advisory Committee on Education, Virtual

**Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 pm,** Budget Work Session – Public Works/Capital Projects Fund

For agendas and information on public participation please see meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

### CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO ONE OF THE CITY’S CHARITABLE FUNDS

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND TO ASSIST ST. HUGH’S FOOD PANTRY:** This fund is overseen by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA). The St. Hugh Food Pantry will also take food donations that are dropped outside of the church office at 135 Crescent Road. Thank you so much for your help!

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND:** Established to accept and disburse donations received to assist Greenbelt residents to pay rent to avoid possible eviction. Approximately a dozen individuals receive assistance from these funds each fiscal year.

You may either mail a money order or check to: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Road 20770. Please notate fund in the notes section of the check. You may also use the drop box on the flag side of the building. Receipts will be provided and mailed out to you.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: **Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee**

**For more information call 301- 474-8000**



### SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND SURVEY

The City of Greenbelt is Sustainable Maryland Certified! As part of this certification we are conducting a survey, please take a minute to complete the

10 question survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TZLCNR>

You can find more information at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/sustainablemarylandcertified](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/sustainablemarylandcertified)

### VIRTUAL ADULT ART SHARE

**APRIL 19 FROM 2-3PM**

Meet up with fellow artists online for a constructive, informal discussion of everyone’s work. For teens & adults. Bring 1-3 pieces in any medium that you would like to share and discuss. All experience levels welcome. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4bafab22a64-artshare> to receive a Zoom link by email. This series may continue on a bi-weekly basis following an initial trial run, depending on interest.

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RSVP at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aca822a3ff2-camp](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aca822a3ff2-camp) for the Zoom link to meet at 7:00pm.

### Virtual Campfire Schedule

**7:00 P.M.** - Welcome to the Campfire!  
**7:05 P.M.** - Sing along with Greenbelt Recreation  
**7:15 P.M.** - Spotlight Storyteller, Noa Baum! Noa Baum is an award-winning storyteller, author, coach and public speaker performing internationally with diverse audiences ranging from the World Bank, prestigious universities and congregations, to festivals, government agencies and schools.  
**7:30 P.M.** - Cheers, let’s celebrate family and thank you for joining!  
**EXPLORE!** Check our web page daily! We'll post camping tips, tricks, crafts, and favorites on our Virtual Recreation Center page at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/virtualrecreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/virtualrecreation)  
Camp at Home Day | Special Event Calendar  
**SHARE!** Your fun using the hashtags **#GreenbeltCampatHome** + **#GreenbeltRecreation** on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.  
**LEAD!** Your own Virtual Campfire with friends and family. Reminder- while we encourage having fun in recreation, please Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe. We are all in this together. Social distancing is still in effect.

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*Drop ads and payments in the mail slot in the exterior door of the News Review office, located to the left of the main entrance on the east side of the building (closest to Roosevelt Center). For more information contact 301-474-4131 or [ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

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# Shot May Have Been Fired In Crowne Plaza Hotel Room

by Brogan Gerhart

At 11:16 a.m. on April 8, Greenbelt police responded to a report of a possible shooting at the Crowne Plaza hotel on Ivy Lane. According to officials, investigation revealed that a single shot may have been fired in a hotel room, with no injuries reported.

Media reports indicated that the hotel was evacuated after the shooting had been reported and the hotel and surrounding area were searched by authorities.

The 6300 and 6400 blocks of

Ivy Lane were closed for a time due to police activity and people were advised to avoid the area while the search ensued.

At 5:15 p.m., the Crowne Plaza hotel was deemed safe, with no suspects located, according to Greenbelt police. Ivy Lane was also reopened to traffic at this time.

George Mathews, public information liaison for the Greenbelt Police Department, was unavailable for comment, but no recent update has been provided.



PHOTO BY GREGORY GOFF

A K-9 patrol joins the hunt as police search for perpetrators at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

## Local Police Help in Search For Suspicious Driver

According to a Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) spokesperson, an NRP officer saw a vehicle traveling on the wrong side of the road on Route 32 near Savage, Maryland. Officers attempted to stop the car, but the driver continued to drive. On the Parkway closer to Greenbelt, the driver ran the vehicle into

the woods. According to George Mathews, Greenbelt police public liaison, the Greenbelt police, along with U.S. National Park police, were called to help locate the driver of the car. The Park police used its helicopter to assist in the search for more than an hour over Greenbelt. According to NRP, the investigation is ongoing.

A cardinal sweetly sings to the arrival of spring at Schrom Hills Park.



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## Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

April 8, 11:16 a.m., 6400 Ivy Lane. Guests in a hotel room answered a knock at the door when two men, each armed with handguns, forced their way into the room. One of them asked for money and a fight ensued, during which a single shot was fired. No one was struck. The other man then hit one of the guests with a handgun and both men fled, taking a carry bag belonging to one of the guests. It was not clear if the men had left the hotel, so it was evacuated, with some guests sheltering in place. The Prince George's County Police Department Emergency Response Team responded and searched the hotel but the men were not found.

### Theft

April 4, 11 a.m., 2 Court Plateau Place. Two air conditioners installed in windows were taken from a residence.

### Burglary

April 4, 4 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A noise woke up a woman who had been sleeping and she saw a man in her room going through her jewelry drawer and holding her purse. When she

yelled, he fled, taking her purse. Entry had been gained by forcing the rear sliding glass door open.

### Vandalism

April 4, 3:30 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A person heard a noise in the middle of the night and the next day discovered a window screen was ripped.

### Vehicle Crime

A 2017 Dodge Journey SUV taken from the 9200 block Edmonston Road was recovered the next day by Maryland State police on Route 50 near Route 410 in Landover Hills.

A tow-hook cover was taken from the 7800 block Somerset Court.

Five handicap placards were taken from four vehicles after windows were broken to gain access. Two were from 165 Westway and the others, one each, from 7515 Mandan Road, 7603 Mandan Road and the 7800 block Somerset Court.

Two cases of vandalism occurred in the 9100 block Edmonston Road, where one window was broken out, and also in the 9100 block three windows were broken on one vehicle.

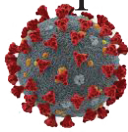
The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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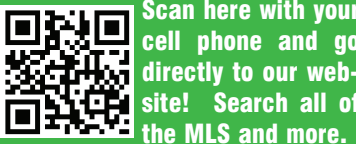
**Westchester Park** 2 Br / 2Ba condominium with balcony & amazing views of Greenbelt Park. Remodeled throughout, lots of closets and storage. Nice!

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**Greenbelt** 2 Bedroom, 2 Greenbelt Condominium w/ hardwood floors and laminate flooring. Full kitchen. Owners looking for cash buyers at \$129,900.

**Upper Level One Bedroom** GHI home with full-sized washer and dryer in separate laundry room. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!

Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center



# Who Is That Masked Man? Greenbelter Stakes a Claim

by Cathie Meetre

When the call went out to produce homemade masks, GHI resident John Campanile had to admit that sewing wasn't his strong suit. But he could, by golly, ride a bike. So he volunteered to be the link between mask makers and users – completed masks are scooped up by him on his bike and readied for delivery.

Campanile is one of the key elements in Greenbelt's mask enterprise, which connects those who can sew, those who have materials and those who can pick up and drop off. A repository of fabric and sewing notions is available in the driveway of 166 Ridge Road for anybody wishing to make masks. We have received recent shipments of bias tape donated by Freedom Realty and others and are fully stocked with fabric and sewing notions necessary to make a variety of masks. There is also a bin there for finished masks that is emptied frequently. Many patterns are available on the internet and most end-users of the masks are happy to have any pattern though some hospitals are prescriptive. Go to [facebook.com/groups/231369768006318](https://facebook.com/groups/231369768006318) for information.

Several Greenbelt-based mask-making initiatives have been ramping up over the last several days. Having produced over 1,200 masks at the time of writing either in transit or already delivered, city residents are doing their part to provide some protection to health care workers facing COVID-19. The virus is driving the shortage of masks, but now that the number of local coronavirus patients is escalating, the scarcity of masks affects all patients – not just those with the virus.

In the absence of sufficient N-95 class masks or to complement them, the hand-sewn masks are a valuable asset to local hospitals. Though much less effective than the standard N-95 mask, according to the Centers for Disease Control, they are “better than nothing”. Epidemiologists and historians point out, however, that in 1918 people also knew to cover their faces and used fabric masks to do so. Unfortunately, wearers took risks that weren't justified by the level of protection. The feeling of invulnerability conferred by the mask led to riskier behavior and possible increased overall exposure.



John Campanile and his bike are key to the mask supply chain.

A small number of masks is being made available for home use. Because the supply is very limited (20 to 25 per day), requestors must sign up to receive them to avoid disappointment. Organizers are using the ticketing site EventBrite for this process: each free ticket represents a mask. Masks should be washed before use.

Go to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/myevent?eid=102204339932>. A \$5 donation per mask is requested (but not required) to defray materials costs. If you have a specific need for an especially vulnerable person, email [GreenbeltMasks@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltMasks@gmail.com). Masks are mostly subscribed through current availability, though some cancellations may be received. Dates and quantities will be extended as more masks become available.

Mask use must be complemented by other precautions including frequent and thorough hand washing and social distancing.



Stuffed animals in Greenbelt are wearing their masks but practicing poor social distancing.

## City Listing of County, State, Federal Small Business Aid

The following information has been gathered by the City of Greenbelt to assist small business owners during the pandemic. Small businesses should contact Cathy Pracht at 301-397-2200 to update the information they have on file with the city.

**Loans and Grants**

County and state governments have special loan and grant programs available to assist small businesses as they navigate the economic pressures from the pandemic. Each site contains information about the terms of the assistance and application forms.

The Prince George's County government has set up a COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund: (application: [pgcedc.com/covid-business-fund-2020](https://pgcedc.com/covid-business-fund-2020))

There is also a Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan Fund. The fund's website is [commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-loan-fund](https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-loan-fund). Scroll down to find the application.

The loan is for up to \$50,000 and no interest or principal payments will be due for the first 12 months. It then converts to a 36-month term loan of principal and interest payments, with an interest rate at 2 percent per annum.

Another state source of funding is available to small businesses: the Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency

Relief Grant Fund. Information and application forms are at [commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-grant-fund](https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-grant-fund). This grant is for up to \$10,000, not to exceed three months of demonstrated cash operating expenses for the first quarter of 2020.

Information and applications for the federal government's Small Business Administration Emergency Injury Disaster Loan are available at [covid19relief.sba.gov/#](https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#). The working capital loan is for up to \$2 million. The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses. Also, businesses that apply for this loan can get a \$10,000 advance that is forgivable even if they are not awarded the loan or the status is pending.

Other resources can be found at the Small Business Owners Guide to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, [sbc.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/guide-to-the-cares-act](https://sbc.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/guide-to-the-cares-act).

**Employment Resources**

Information is available from the following sources at the county and state level:

County: Prince George's County Hourly Employee Relief Fund, [employpg.org/covid19/](https://employpg.org/covid19/) (available starting April 26).

State: State of Maryland Department of Labor, [dllr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml](https://dllr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml).



Spring comes to Schrom Hills Park: a bumblebee is busy in the blooming redbud.

### Reel and Meal Picnic

DC Vegan of the New Deal Café is offering a special contactless meal prepared for the Reel and Meal audience.

The meal will be:

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- + lemon dill potato salad \$12.
- Add peanut butter or chocolate chip cookie for \$2.

Plan ahead and order by Sunday, April 19th 12pm to have your Reel and Meal Picnic ready between 3pm - 5pm on Monday, April 20

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